

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A sleeve handle for use in combination with a plurality of different types of sleeves for surgical operations, said handle comprising:

an end that is constructed for mounting the different types of sleeves thereto;

a first arrangement for interacting with a mounted sleeve of a first type; and

a second arrangement for interacting with a mounted sleeve of at least one second type;

wherein the first arrangement ~~allows to prevent~~ rotation of the mounted sleeve of the first type[[,]] relative to said end ~~the handle~~, and the second arrangement permits ~~allows~~ ~~for a~~ guided rotation of the mounted sleeve of the second type[[,]] relative to said end ~~handle~~.

2. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the first arrangement is constructed so as to interact with a complementary arrangement on the sleeve of the first type in a form-locking or frictional-locking manner.

3. (Currently Amended) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the first arrangement comprises at least one blocking element for engaging a complimentary blocking element on the sleeve of the first type for which interacts, ~~for the purpose of~~ eliminating rotation of the mounted sleeve of the first type, ~~with a complementary blocking element on~~

~~the said sleeve.~~

4. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 3, wherein the blocking element on the first arrangement is configured as a recess or as a projection.

5. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the first arrangement allows for a rotation-proof fixing of the sleeve of the first type in various angular positions with respect to the handle.

6. (Currently Amended) The sleeve handle according to claim 5, wherein the first arrangement possesses a plurality of blocking elements, which are spaced apart in the peripheral direction of an imaginary axis of rotation of the sleeve of the first type.

7. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the second arrangement possesses a guide element in the form of at least one guide projection or at least one guide groove, which guide element is constructed so as to interact with a complementary guide element on the sleeve of the second type.

8. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 7, wherein the guide projection is pretensioned in the direction of the guide groove.

9. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the second arrangement permits captive but rotatable mounting of the sleeve of the second type at the end of the handle.

10. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the second arrangement permits captive mounting of the sleeve, both of the first and also of the second

type, at the end of the handle.

11. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 1, wherein the handle possesses, at its end which is constructed for mounting the sleeves, an aperture into which said sleeves can be introduced, and wherein the second arrangement is disposed in a region of a side wall of said aperture.

12-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A sleeve handle for use in surgical operations, the sleeve handle comprising:

a handle portion that allows for a mounting of at least a sleeve of a first type and a sleeve of a second type;

a first arrangement for interacting with a mounted sleeve of a first type ~~such that it allows to prevent~~ [[a]] rotation of the sleeve of the first type relative to the handle portion; and

a second arrangement for interacting with a mounted sleeve of a second type, ~~the second arrangement~~ allowing for a guided rotation of a mounted sleeve of the second type relative to said handle portion.

18. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 17, wherein the first arrangement interacts with the sleeve of the first type in a form-locking or frictional- locking manner.

19. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 17, wherein the second arrangement includes a guide element for rotationally guiding the mounted sleeve of the second type.

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20. (Original) The sleeve handle according to claim 19, wherein the guide element includes one or more guide projections or one or more guide grooves.